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INTEGRATED BUMPER AND UPPER FASCIA COMPONENTS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An integrated, single piece upper fascia support member and bumper energy absorber, wherein the upper fascia support member is structured to provide attachments for various attached parts of a motor vehicle, and wherein the upper fascia support member is integrally connected to the bumper energy absorber of the motor vehicle via a load isolator. The load isolator connects the upper fascia support member to the bumper energy absorber in a fixed position relative to each other (assuming relative loading is below a predetermined threshold, and manages a load applied, relatively, to one of the upper fascia support member and the bumper energy absorber such as to cause relative movement, from adversely affecting the other, as, for example, keeping vehicle damage to a minimum in the event of an untoward impact event.